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1. The 10th Infantry Division headquarters building is located in the northern part of Kosice on a small square near the junction of Masaryk, Lenin, and Komensky streets. On the square also is a junction of street car lines leading to the railroad station, Legionarske namestie, Moyzes street, and Crmel. Opposite the headquarters building is the Kosice Museum and next to it the Stalin Industrial School. The headquarters building is rectangular, 50 x 60 m. large and has four stories. The main entrance is from the square and the side entrance from Masaryk street. The building is guarded by three NCOs; two of them check identity documents at the entrance and one fills in visitors' permits.
2. 32nd Infantry Regiment
- a. The regiment is billeted in the following barracks:
- (1) Hurban barracks: These barracks are located at the northeast border of the town near the western side of the road running from about the middle of Masarykova trida to Presovska road. The barracks are about 150-200 m. north of Masarykova trida along Presovska road. The length of the barracks along Presovska road is about 100 m. The northern part is about 150-200 m. long. The main entrance to the barracks is in the northeast corner from Presovska road. The barracks contain regimental headquarters, a self-propelled gun battery, a transport platoon, a veterinary platoon, a medical platoon, the regimental workshops, the regimental band, stables, and garages.
 - (2) Lenin barracks: These barracks are located on the eastern side of the main street, the former Stefanikova trida. On the south they are bordered by Kovacska ulica. On the other side of the main street are the Jiskra barracks, formerly the Masaryk barracks. The length of the Lenin barracks is about 40 m. along the main street and 60-70 m. along Kovacska street. The barracks contain the 1st battalion, the regimental quartermaster's stores, and officers' and NCOs' billets.

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(3) Jiskra barracks: The barracks are located opposite the Lenin barracks. On the south, they are bordered by Masiarska ulica. The barracks are 50 m. long along the main street and 60 m. along the Masiarska ulica. The main entrance is from Zbrojnicka ulica. The following units are stationed in the barracks: the district military command, 2nd battalion, the regimental dispensary, the regimental ordnance stores, and the Arma tailors' workshop.

- b. The signal company is billeted in a single-story building, 25 x 10 m. large, located near the northern side of the street which branches off the main street at the Communist Party Secretariat and runs parallel to Zbrojnicka ulica.
- c. The regimental fuel store and gun garages are in the vicinity of the old airfield near the western side of the road to Barca about 500 m. north of the northern border of the former airfield.
- d. The regiment had a strength of approximately 700 men, which was about 40% of full strength. Horses were still used for pulling carts, wagons, and guns. Part of the transport company was motorized with seven 3.5 ton Skoda trucks. These barracks had a billeting capacity for about 4,000 men.
- e. The postal address of the regiment is: Posadkova sprava (Garrison administration) 51 Kosice.
- f. Personnel:

Major Frantisek KRENEK, CO of the regiment. [REDACTED]

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Captain Stefan DOBROVIC, chief of staff. [REDACTED]

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Captain SIMA (fnu), deputy CO for political affairs. [REDACTED]

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1st Lt. BUCKO (fnu), deputy chief of staff. [REDACTED]

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1st Lt. ZELENY (fnu), attached to the regimental headquarters. [REDACTED]

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Captain JANTOS (fnu), classified documents officer. [REDACTED]

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1st Lt. Alois KOVARIK, deputy classified-documents officer. [REDACTED]

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Lt. KURUC (fnu), regimental cadre officer. [REDACTED]

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1st Lt. KOSICAN (fnu), Counter-Intelligence Corps (Obranne Zpravodaistvi-OBZ) officer. [REDACTED]

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Major KREMPARSKY (fnu), deputy commanding officer for supplies. [REDACTED]

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25X1 Major KOCH (fnu), 1st battalion CO. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted]
 25X1 1st Lt. CEREVKA (fnu), deputy CO for political affairs, 1st battalion.
 25X1 [redacted]
 25X1 Lt. JUSKO (fnu), platoon commander, 1st battalion. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted]
 25X1 Lt. SILADI (fnu), company commander, 1st battalion. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted]
 25X1 Captain KALAB (fnu), regimental medical officer. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted]
 25X1 Lt. Colonel JERABEK (fnu), divisional veterinary service chief, [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted]

3. Military prison and prosecutor's office:

25X1 a. The military prison is situated in the center of town. On its southern side
 25X1 is Rumanova street, on the northern side is Zbrojnicka street, and on the
 25X1 eastern side is Bastova (formerly Valsanska) street. The prison buildings are
 25X1 surrounded by a 3 m. high wall. Entrance for the guards and prisoners is from
 25X1 Bastova street. In the buildings are also parachutist equipment stores and
 25X1 garrison archives. The prison can accommodate about 400 prisoners.

25X1 b. The commander of the prison is Major KOS (fnu). [redacted]
 [redacted]
 [redacted] The majority of the prisoners are guilty of breach of
 military discipline. Political prisoners are sent to Trencin.

c. The lower regional military prosecutor has his offices in part of the prison
 buildings. The higher military prosecutor is in Trencin.

4. Artillery regiment (122 mm, horse-drawn)

The regiment is billeted in a complex of buildings extending between Moyzes
 street and another street parallel to it. A streetcar line runs along this
 street. On the north the barracks are bordered by Rumanova street. The barracks
 are triangle-shaped, cut by two streets. The first street parallel to Rumanova
 street is off limits to the public. The headquarters of the regiment is located
 in a building in the center of the town, on Masiarska street, near the Jiskra
 barracks. It is bordered on the south by Zbrojnicka street, on the east by
 Masiarska street, on the north by a street parallel to Zbrojnicka street; and on the
 west by civilian schools. The regiment had 32 guns of 122-mm. caliber with
 muzzle brakes, and 350 horses. Since there was a tendency to increase the number
 of horses, the regiment will probably not be converted into a motorized unit.
 The regiment also had about ten 3.5-ton Skoda trucks.

5. Antitank artillery regiment¹

The barracks of this unit are situated in the southern part of town near the
 western side of the main road (probably Trida Cervenej Armady) which joins the
 road to Barca. The barracks are about 500 m. from the corner of Legionarske
 namestie along the road to Barca. On the north the barracks are bordered by a
 street which turns westward from the main road. The regiment is equipped with
 76-mm. AT guns provided with pneumatic tires and muzzle brakes. Tatra 111 trucks
 are used for towing the guns.

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6. Paratroop regiment²

The barracks of the paratroop regiment are located on the southwest border of town, north of the civilian hospital. They are old but were lately modernized. On the north the barracks are bordered by the second street from Legionarske namestie. On the west the barracks are separated by a block of apartments from a street which starts in the west end of Legionarske namestie and joins the road to Moldava. The barracks consist of several single-story buildings, occupying an area of 200 x 130 m, surrounded by a wall. In the yard is a track for ground training and a 20-m-high tower for jumping. Actual paratroop training takes place at the new Kosice airfield and jumps are performed in the vicinity of the airfield north of the edge of a forest called Hanska Hora. Jumping is carried out in groups of 15 to 20 paratroopers. At the eastern side of the airfield, cigar-shaped balloons are occasionally released but there is never more than one balloon at a time in the air.

7. Paratroop reserve officers' school

This school is located in the former Hungarian Cadet School in Komensky street. The buildings located in a large park occupy an area of 80 x 150 m along the eastern side of Komensky street, opposite the former High School of Agriculture.

8. Military Veterinary School

This school is located on the premises of the Komensky Institute (the former Juvenile Reformatory-Polepsovna) at the start of Komensky street where Ormers road branches off. Only four one-story brick buildings belong to the army; the larger remaining part belongs to the civilian Veterinary School and the Veterinary Hospital which were established here in 1949. There are about 70 students at the Military Veterinary School.

9. Military hospital

The divisional hospital is located at the west end of Legionarske namestie. The original hospital building is old, but in the last few years a new wing was built on to it.

10. Construction of new army barracks; military bakery and food store

New barracks were built in place of old barracks located in the southeast part of town, east of the paratroop barracks. The southern side of the new barracks is along the same street as the paratroop barracks. From the old barracks only one two-story building was retained. In 1952, construction was started and in the summer of 1953 three new three-story buildings, 40 x 15 m large, were under construction. In September 1953, the buildings were already roofed and had windows in. The site was guarded by artillery men. East of this construction site, on the same street, are the divisional army bakeries and the garrison food store. On the southern side of the same road is the military laundry.

11. Construction of new storehouses near the old airfield

Numerous storehouses of either brick or reinforced concrete were being built in the vicinity of the old airfield and in the former hangar area.

12. The military training grounds

The training grounds are located west of Kosice between the Kalvaria cemetery and the Moldava-Kosice road. Their width from west to east is about 800 to 1,000 m.

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Comments:

1. It is not believed that the AT unit mentioned is a regiment, since there are no AT regiments in the Czech Army. The unit probably is the divisional AT Bn.

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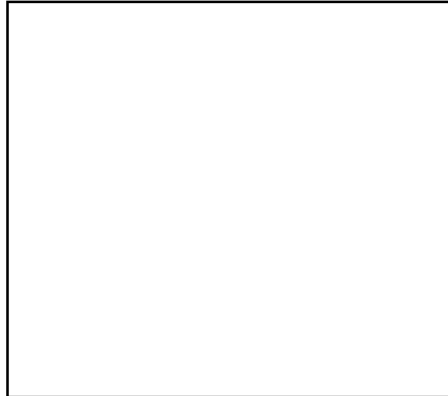
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2. It is not believed that there are paratroop regiments in the Czech Army. This unit is probably one of the paratroop battalions belonging to a paratroop brigade.

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